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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the protection of important places linked with the Indian culture abroad has been undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India;

(b)if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(c)the steps taken by the Government with regard to protection of To Graham Group temples situated in the SIMRIP of Cambodia?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c)Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India has taken up restoration and conservation of Ta Prohm Temple Complex in Siem Reap, Cambodia under the ITEC programme of Ministry of External Affairs.

The project spread over a period of ten years is being executed in five phases with an estimated project outlay of Rs. 19.57 crores. The first phase of the project commenced in December 2003 has been completed in June 2005 and the scientific studies and investigations pertaining to Soil Mechanics, Foundation, Structural Engineering, Hydrological, Botanical and Archaeological aspects of the Temple Complex, 3D and 2D Laser Scanning documentations, graphic and photographical documentations of the Temple have been completed, besides dismantling of the eastern side-southern wing of the 3rd enclosure. A symposium on Ta Prohm was conducted in Cambodia during Feb. 2004, wherein the project was formally launched and report on scientific studies and investigations was submitted to UNESCO and the Cambodia Government.